

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) University Grants Commission (UGC) provides development grants to the eligible State Universities, as per the prescribed norms and pattern of assistance, for recruitment of teaching and technical staff; purchase of books, journals and equipment; construction of academic buildings, hostels, staff quarters; creation of students amenities, etc. The Commission also provides separate grants to the State Universities under specific schemes for implementation of various programmes.

(b) The Government has no such plan under consideration.

(c) The amount of financial assistance paid by UGC to Manipur University during the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-93 to 1996-97) is Rs. 366.31 lakhs and the financial assistance expected to be paid to the University during the year 2001-2002 is Rs. 54.60 lakhs, subject to receipt of Utilisation Certificate of grants paid earlier.

Diversion of ICSSR funds

4656. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are diverting funds meant for Indian Council of Social Sciences Research to other areas;

(b) if so, the reasons for such diversion; and

(c) the details of allocations made to ICSSR during the last five years on the Plan side and the expenditure on different social science programme during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No funds meant for ICSSR have been diverted to any other areas.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The position of allocation of funds made to ICSSR during the last five years on the Plan side and the expenditure on different social science programmes is as follows:

(Rs. in lakh)

Year	Approved Allocation under Annual Plan	Expenditure
1996-97	450.00	538.00*
1997-98	765.00	784.00*
1998-99	700.00	700.00
1999-2000	750.00	748.00
2000-2001	1290.00	1282.00

(*Excess expenditure incurred due to availability of unspent balance from previous financial year).

The expenditure was incurred on different programmes of the ICSSR viz., supporting Research Institutes, Regional Centres, Research Projects, Research Fellowships, International Collaboration Programme and Research Publications, Training Programmes, Research Surveys, Data Archives and Documentation etc.

Technical Teachers Training Institutes

4657. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Technical Teachers Training Institutes in India, their objectives and performance;

(b) what is the role and importance of Internet and Information Technology in the New Education Policy of Government; and

(c) what is the vision of Government regarding imparting education through computers?